the auspices of the All India Management Association in cooperation with the Boston Consulting Group and the CM. Planning Commission has not been asked to examine the above Report.

Fall in Central Sector Investment

2040. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fall in Central Sector Investment has not only led to a general deterioration in the country's investment scenario but withholdings of investment in projects under various stages of implementation has also resulted in a massive cost overrun;

(b) if so, whether according to the Central Statistical Organisation, the cost overrun of Central Sector Projects was a staggering 80.7 per cent in 2002;

(c) whether Planning Commission has taken a serious note and had urged the Ministries to complete the projects in time; and

(d) if so, the other steps Planning Commission is considering to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Central Sector Investment in terms of 'Budget Support for Central Plan and Resources of Public Enterprises (IEBR)' shows a rising trend during the recent years as indicated below:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Gross Budgetary Support (GBS)	Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR)	Total
1997-98	32455	47404	79859
1998-99	37333	50219	87552
1999-2000	41701	52649	94350
2000-01	47503	60318	107821
2001-02	60210	67580	127790
2002-03*	68218	68648	136866

*Revised Estimates

Source: Expenditure Budget Vol. 1, various issues.

So, the question of general deterioration in country's investment scenario and withholding of investments in projects under various stages of implementation due to fall in central sector investment does not arise.

(b) The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) does not prepare any estimates for cost over run of central sector projects. However, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is the Nodal Agency for monitoring the implementation of projects costing more than Rs. 20 crore. The overall cost overrun of these central projects with respect to latest approved cost estimates is 9.2%

(c) and (d) Planning Commission reviews implementation of plan schemes/projects on Quarterly basis and the Ministries are accordingly advised on a regular basis for completing the projects in time to avoid cost overruns.

Index of Human Development by UNDP

†2041. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's stand has come down from last year's 124th place to 127th in the index of human development prepared under the United Nation's Development Programme; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor despite the success achieved in the programmes relating to poverty alleviation and literacy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) This is due to inclusion of two new countries in the ranking of this year's report and an increase in the value of HDI for Botswana *visa-vis* India. The two new countries are Bosnia and herzegovina and Occupied Palestinian Territories which have better ranking than India at 66 and 98 respectively. While the value of india's health indicator is better thah Botswana, the values of education and GDP Indices have been stated to be better in case of Botswana as compared to India.

However, the value of India's Human Development Index (HDI) has consistently improved over the years. HDI value of India has increased

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.